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### Air Pollution

#### Court Decisions Disrupt Implementation

#### Of Fine Particulate Standard, CRS Says

Appeals court decisions to remand rules to reduce power plant pollution that crosses state lines may make it more difficult for some areas to meet air quality standards for fine particulate matter, the Congressional Research Service said...

### Air Pollution

#### Industry Brings Supreme Court Challenge

#### Over Stringency of EPA Sulfur Standard

A company that operates a primary copper smelter wants the U.S. Supreme Court to review a federal appeals court's decision to uphold the Environmental Protection Agency's sulfur dioxide air quality standard (ASARCO LLC v. EPA, U.S.,...

### Air Pollution

#### Industry Report Says EPA Power Plant Rules

#### To Cost \$13 Billion Annually, Eliminate Jobs

Environmental Protection Agency regulations on pollution control and coal ash management at coal-fired generating plants could cost power companies \$13 billion annually and lead to the elimination of 1.5 million jobs in just the next four...

### Climate Change

#### EU Environment Ministers Finalize

#### Bloc's Position for Doha Climate Summit

BRUSSELS—The European Union Oct. 25 finalized its position on international climate negotiations ahead of the U.N. climate summit in Doha, Qatar, amid a disagreement about potential limitations on surplus emissions credits held...

### Drilling

#### No Air Quality Problems Found in Gas Field

#### Where EPA Linked Fracking to Tainted Water

DENVER—Wyoming did not find any air quality problems near the Pavillion natural gas field where the Environmental Protection Agency linked groundwater contamination to hydraulic fracturing, the state Department of Environmental...

### Emissions Trading

#### Industry Wary of EU Proposal to Change

#### Timing of Carbon Emission Allowances

COPENHAGEN—A proposal to reduce the amount of carbon allowances auctioned at the beginning of the European Union's next phase of emissions trading could create a precedent that would cause uncertainty among businesses, various...

### Energy

#### California Commission Approves Contracts

#### Between Electric Utility, Solar Company

The California Public Utilities Commission has approved two amended contracts allowing Southern California Edison to get electricity from two solar power projects owned by BrightSource Energy, the company said. ...

### Hazmat Transport

#### Industry Council Asks PHMSA to Provide

#### Regulatory Relief for Display Pack Shipments

The Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles (COSTHA) has called on the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to incorporate into federal regulations a special permit providing regulatory relief for some...

### Impact Statements

## European Commission Proposes Overhaul Of Impact Studies to Ensure Consistency

BRUSSELS—The European Union's 25-year-old legal framework for carrying out environmental impact assessments (EIA) for projects such as new roads and bridges should be revised to ensure more consistency across the 27-country...

## Oil Spills

### BP Liability Trial Moved to Feb. 25; Louisiana

### Asks for Separate Economic Loss Trial

HOUSTON—The federal judge presiding over the government's oil spill lawsuit against BP Plc has postponed the trial's start date until Feb. 25 (In re Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico...

## Pipeline Safety

### Former Senator Out of San Bruno Damage Mediations

SAN FRANCISCO—Former Sen. George Mitchell (D-Maine) will not mediate damages against Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in a deadly natural gas pipeline rupture and fire, the California Public Utilities Commission announced Oct. 26....

## Regulatory Policy

### House Chairmen Press White House

### On Continued Delay of Regulatory Agenda

The chairmen of the House Judiciary Committee and Oversight and Government Affairs Committee have called on the White House to release a long-delayed regulatory agenda as well as a congressionally mandated report on the costs of federal regulations,...

## Solid Waste

### Final Rules on Waste Burned in Incinerators

### Expected After Election, Industry Officials Say

The Environmental Protection Agency's final nonhazardous secondary materials rule for commercial and industrial incinerators is likely to be issued shortly, although not before the Nov. 6 elections, several industry sources told...

## Sustainability

### Walmart Pushing Global Suppliers to Use

### Company's Sustainability Index by 2017

Walmart is pushing global suppliers to measure the sustainability of their products and operations by 2017 or risk being cut off, the company said....

## Water Resources

### California Water Diversion Case Probably

### Headed for Supreme Court, Lawyer Says

SAN FRANCISCO—A Southern California water rights dispute over whether the federal government owes a water district millions of dollars for diversions is likely to head to the U.S. Supreme Court, water lawyers were told at an Oct. 25...

## EPA Pesticide Committee Will Meet Nov. 29-30

The Environmental Protection Agency's Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee will meet Nov. 29-30 in Arlington, Va. The committee, made up of government officials, academic experts, and representatives from pesticide manufacturers,...

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